THE FLEETS OF THE WORLD.

EAST CRUISERS AND TORPEDO BOATS OF MINOR NAVAL POWERS. The New 23-Knot Fivers of Japan, Brazil.

and Argentine - Thornycroft and Schlebad Boats of 25 Knots and 28 Knots -Modern Features of Construction, The current annual volume of the Naval Intelligence Office records the year's progress in the building and equipping of war ships. It takes in small nations as well as great, and sweeps the globe from China to Peru. By way of variety, it may be well to reverse the ordinary rule, and note first what it has to say of

the little powers. The rulers of Siam have had launched for them this year, at the works of Ramage & Vergusson, Leith, a twin-screw cruiser, the Bisha Chakrkri, of about 2,500 tons displacement, to carry four 4.7-inch rapid fire guns, make 17 or 18 knots, and to serve the twin purpose of transport and royal yacht. Japan getting from Armstrong. Mitchell & Co. a 4.200-ton cruiser which will be one of the world's fastest flyers, and a fine commerce estroyer in every way. This vessel is to have of 350 feet, a beam of 45, and a draught of 10%. Her projective steel deck is from 31, to 4% inches think on the slopes and 1.75 on the flat. For armament she will have four ti-inch, eight 4.7-inch, and twenty-five smaller pieces, all rapid fire, and six torpedo tubes. Her speed is to be 23 knots, while her coal supply of 1,000 tons must give her a fine steaming radius. Apparently this craft ought to become as famous as Japan's Naniwa Kan. which led the world in her class for her day,

which led the world in her class for her day, and was the model for our own Charleston. China has recently built at her Foochow arsenal four gun vessels, the Kuang Keng, Kuang Yi, Kuang Ping, and Kuang Ting. They have 1,030 tons displacement, and carry three 4.7-inch Armstrong guns, while the Kuang Yi

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Turning from Asia to the republica south of us. Hayri has two vessels, the Dessalines and Pefensa. The letter was a merchant steamer of about 1,100 tons called the Belize, and now mounts one shield-protected 3.0-inch Canet and two 3.0-inch Krupps, besides two howitgers and two 0.31-inch Krupps, besides two howitgers and two 0.31-inch heasies two 3.0-pounder Parrotts and two Gatlings. Costs Rica has secured a yarrow torpedo boat. Our neighbor Mexico is constructing four small gunboats for coast duty, while the Zaragoza, her schoolship, now mounts, it is said, six 4.7-inch gens.

Our friend Chill has her Capitan Prat ready to make us an amicable visit in April, and the famous armored cruiser is said to have achieved eighteen knots. Chill's naval estimates for this year amounted to \$7,570,542; but President Mont, at the opening of Congress, denied the report that the navy was to be strongtianed, although two steamers, the Aquila and Spartan, were bought in Europe for use in the recent civil war. The transports used during that war have all been disarmed and returned to their owners. Perus navy, once so creditable, consisted at the date reported on 6 only the Lima, a 1,730-ton cruiser, carrying two 6-inch Armstrongs; the armed transport santa Rosa, with threa small Kruppa and two Maxims, and the schoolship Feru.

Argentine proposes a great naval development. She has in commission six first-class yarrow torpado boats, the trial speed of one exceeding 24° knots and of the others 23. They carry three 18-inch torpedo tubes, She has also the seagoing Thornycroft torpedo boats Comodoro Py and Morature, of which he so the seagoing Thornycroft torpedo boats Comodoro Py and Morature, of which he so the seagoing the reported of or ship of the proposes of the post of the propose of the seagon

River service.

The Baikan powers are stirring in naval affairs. Houmania has called for three river gunboats of the monitor type, like Austria's, while Buigaria is said to have ordered several gunboats in England for the Danute, and has contracted with the Orlandos of Leghorn for two war ships to defend the port of Varna. Turkey is understood to be contemplating another armorelad and five gun vessels.

beamark has launched her Geiser of 1,300 tons, and has been completing her Helmal of 1,200 tons and 17 knots speed. Her Thorry-croft boat Springeren has made 18.3 knots. The small mine vessel Hailperen has been added to the fleet. Holland has been building her armed coast defenders fleiner Classen, and Queen Wilheimin of 2,400 and 2,500 tons respectively, and her schoolship Belloma, carrying one 5,04-inch and seven 4.7-inch guns. She has completed four small gun vessels for the hard findes and some torry 1,000 tons for high the hollowing proposes an armored out defender of the Nea type, has completed two small torredo boats at the Government yard at Horten, and has been building the 1,113-ton cruiser Viking. Sweden is finishing the Thule, of the Svea class, whose armor is supplied by Schneider and the two 10-inch guns by the Armstrongs. Two torpedo boats and a gunboat are late additions. Fortugal during the year under review is, of course, more important, we armil gunboat, a corpedo boat, and a submarine boat.

What the larger naval powers have been doing during the year under review is, of course, more important, we are under free monition. England's new promine comprises only three battle ships and ten torpedo vessels have been laid down and carried forward. Seven old ironelads are under reconstruction. The Ramillies, Repulse, and lessolution were launched this year. Their displacement of 14,100 tons, their 17% knots speed, their thick armor, and their four 133-inch and ten Unich guns have been mentioned irom time to time. The cruisers Grafton, Crescent, Gibraltar, and St. George, launched this year, are now classed, like the Lower of the course of the

this year, and is now to have three propellers, like our Columbia, and to carry twelve 5.16-inch and eight 3.4-inch rapid-fire guns. One York Central - Aug.

of her torpedo tubes is fixed 13 feet below the surface. Work has gone on upon the battie ships Brandenburg, Weissenburg, Kurfürst Friedrich Wilhelm, and the coast defender Frithiof, while three unarmored cruisers were launched, besides the imperial yacht Hohenzolern. Torpedo division beat No. 7, of 350 tons, is said to have made 28 knots.

Spain always has something interesting on hand in naval construction, and this year White of East Cowes has been building for her four wooden torpedo boats, to serve also as ilfebeats, and costing only about \$12,125 apiece, though exceeding 18 knots on the measured mile. Four torpedo vessels of 750 tons are said to have been ordered. Work is going along upon the armored cruisers Vistors and Oquendo, of 0,800 tons each, mounting two 11-inch and ten 5%-inch Houtoria guns, with eight torpedo tubes, of which two are submorged. Austria finds that most of her armorelads are out of date, and proposes new construction forthwith. Her 4,000-ton protected cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth has reached 19,7 knots, while her torpedo depot ship Pelikan, built by Schichau, has reached 18,3 knots.

This summary of some prominent features

Interesting desperadoes.

In the fall of 1887 the noted Haufield-McCoy

reached ship Polikan, built by Schichau, nacreating ship Polikan, built by Schichau, nacreating the summary of some prominent features. This summary of some progressing, the rest of own navy has been progressing, the rest of the world has also kept busy, and that we must still be alert in engine power and other dotails in order to keep up with the procession. DID NOT SEIZE THE COLLECTION. Perhaps Under Sheriff McLaughlin Knew

Those people who attended the services at he Brooklyn Tabernacle yesterday in expectation of seeing Deputy Sheriff Cunningham or any of his assistants attach the collection were disappointed, and Under Sheriff Mc-Laughlin, who had the judgment of Painter Tong for \$1,261,39 for collection, says that there was never any intention on the part of Sheriff Courtney to do anything of the kind. Mr. McLaughlin said that some one had, or Saturday, suggested to him that a good way to satisfy at least a part of the judgment

that Money Belonged to Dr. Talmage.

to satisfy at least a part of the judgment would be to plant himself down near the altar during the service, and when the collectors returned with their contribution boxes, to seize the contents, but he declined to listen to any such a move.

It is thought by many, on the other hand, that Mr. McLaughlin knew very well that, by special arrangement, the money collected at Tabernacle services could not be touched for any debt of the church. The fact is that Dr. Talmage receives no salary from the church, his only pay being the money collected during cuch service. By that arrangement the money becomes the property of Dr. Talmage as soon as it is dropped into the boxes. This arrangement last year brought the salary of the minister down from \$12,000 to \$4,000.

The collection yesterday was a good one, and many in the congregation who put money in the boxes looked around anxiously to sae if any officer of the law would attempt to take it. It is understood that an arrangement has been made by which the judgment will besteleded in a low days, and the time has been

been made by which the judgment will be satisfied in a few days, and the time has been extended to Wednesday.

MARIE TEMPEST SANG FOR THEM.

The Members of the Tenderloin Club Enjoy Their Annual Sundown Feast.

Miss Marie Tempest, with her hair tied in a Psyche knot and robed in a gown of radiant silk, walked into a brilliantly lighted banquet hall in Madison avenue last night and made a charming little speech to 250 men who had dined exceedingly well.

Then she clambered into a balcony twenty feet above the heads of the feasters, and to the

feet above the heads of the feasters, and to the soft music of a harp sang "The Nightingale Song." The diners were the Bohemians of the Tenderioin Club, and she put her autograph upon the menus for souvenirs of the visit.

It was the third annual sundown feast of the club, and President Keller of the Press Club, who is also President of the Tenderioin, introduced the actress before he opened the flow of oratory. President Arnold of the Beard of Aldermen, Col. Austen of the Thirteenth Regiment, Chairman Nelson Smith of the Democratic State Committee, Judge Green of Brooklyn, Walter McDougall, the artist, and others also spoke.

Among the feasters were Thomas F. Gilroy, Jr., John Gilroy, Edward Kelly, J. M. Hill, F. J. Gibson, Police Capt. P. Reilly, Assemblyman Perelval Farquhar, and Mayor's Secretary Willis Holly. Letters were read from President Harrison, Grover Cleveland, Senator Hill, George W. Childs, Mayor-elect Gilroy, Thomas C. Platt, President Ellot of Harvard, and Commissioner Henry D. Purroy. missioner Henry D. Purroy.

JOE SPOILED MARIA'S PLANS.

The Stiletto Played a Part in a Romance in the Bend Tenterday.

Jimmy, that is the only name the police here cnow him by, and Maria Rosa fled from their home in Naples a year ago, and for a while were leaders in the gay life of Mulberry Bend. They were both young, and Jimmy soon spent what money he had. Then Maria met Joe Carlo, a shoemaker, and went to live with him

at 144 Cherry street.

She saved all the money he made and deposited it in the bank to her own and Jimmy's credit. She soon had enough to give Jimmy a new start in life, and made preparations to de-

Jimmy visited her during Joe's absence yesteriny, and she had racked up her belongings to depart when Joe appeared in the doorway. He objected, and demanded his money. Jimmy drew his stiletto, but Joe is bigger than Jimmy, so Maria held him while her lover ran the weapon into Joe's head and left side. Joe fainted from fright, and Maria and Jimmy ran off.

Policeman Jennings found Joe lying in the hallway. Hetook him to Gouverneur Hospital, where the surgeons patched him up. Maria has been arrested, but Jimmy is still at large.

Conflict as to a Murderer's Insunity. STILLWATER, Minn., Dec. 18.-The man Peters, who murdered Editor Seward of this city some time ago, was declared insane and incapable of entering a plea to the charge of murder by a special jury on Thursday. Peters murder by a special jury on Thursday. Peters was taken to the Probate Court for examination, that he might be sent to the insane asylum, but the medical commission in charge of the case decided that he was sane, and refused to commit him to the asylum. The case then came again into the District Court, and Judge Willston holds that the medical commission's decision does not invalidate the other vertict, so that it seems probable that Peters will escape punishment.

Missing Trustee Chamberlain. Mr. Lockwood of the firm of Lockwood &

Crane, attorneys for the John W. George es tate, of which the missing Edward P. Chambertate, of which the missing Edward P. Chamber-lain was trustee, said yesterday that so far as he knew no warrant had been issued for the arrest of Mr. Chamberlain.

"I believe, however," he said, "that Mr. George has consuited the police. Mr. George, like the rest of us, is worried about the per-sonal welfare of the missing man, not about the apparent shortage of \$10,000 in his ac-counts, which may turn out to be no shortage at all."

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It was learned yesterday that the securities missing are railroad bonds.

Knife.

James Allen, 42 years old, of Nashville Tenn., was arrested on Saturday night at 504 Canal street for firing off a revolver in his room. He begged Judge Grady, at the Tombs Police Court yesterday morning, to let him go, as he had a limited return ticket to Nashville. He said that the liring of the pistol was all an accident, and occurred while he was cleaning the weapon. Why he carried a large bowie knife on his person he did not condescend to explain, but as it was evident that he was harmless the Judge discharged him.

The Clipper Rosnoke Aground for 20 Min utes.

The clipper Roanoke, biggest of sailing craft, started yesterday on her maiden voyage from New York to San Francisco under escort of a big tug. She left Pier 18, East liver, where she has been taking on cargo for the last two weeks. The tide was low, and in rassing through the Swash Channel she grounded. She got off in twenty minutes, however, and proceeded, undamaged.

Sheriff Stanton's First Important Duty.

Edward F. Stanton, who has been appointed Sheriff of Hudson county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff McPhillips, will take charge of the office to-morrow. His first important duty will be the execution of Hallinger, the negro murderer, on Thursday, provided Lawyer Peshali does not succeed in delaying the execution once more.

Where Yesterday's Fires Were,

A. M .- 2:00, 71 Sheriff street, Henry P. Clover, dam P. M -1:55, 667 Breadway, Edward Simon & Bros. trunks and bars, damage \$25; 2:30, 243 Fast Broad way Louis Lavinsky, no damage \$1 15, 365 Eightt avenue, Jacob Heitzbeid, damage \$1.560.

Columbus would have reached America 80 days somer had his samer, been atrengthened with Cudaby's Rea Brand Extract of Beel -4st.

Artistic presents of permanent value, framed proof sichings, from \$4 at keppela, 20 hast 16th st.— Ada.

THE STORY OF A DESPERADO.

DEEDS THAT HAVE MADE FRANK PHILLIPS NOTORIOUS.

Pierce Fight for Life in a Mountain Cap-Killing a Man Who Begged for Mercy-A Woman's Duplicity and its Effect on Him -Pursuing and Pursued by Detectives.

CATLEITSBURG, Ky., Dec. 16.-The despatch from Ashland printed in THE SUN of Dec. 6. saying that Frank Phillips had not been killed in Lawrence county, as reported, but was hiding out waiting to recover from wounds received in a recent fight, referred to one of the most interesting desperadoes in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. And eastern Kentucky is a region where the woods are full of

end was approaching a climax. Not only had many lives been sacrificed, but the news-papers of other portions of the United States had been calling attention to the lawless condition of affairs in the mountains, until the Governor of Kentucky, the home of the Me-Coys, and the Governor of West Virginia, the home of the Hatfields, had been aroused to action. Gov. Wilson of West Virginia was considering the application for the arrest and transfer of the worst of the Hatfield gang to Kentucky for trial. The McCoys were only waiting the action of Gov. Wilson to serve his papers, or, failing to get the papers, to substiute their own might in getting the vengeance denied them by Gov. Wilson. The Hatfields, to prevent the interference of Gov. Wilson, were riding up and down the trails and passes of Logan county, West Virginia, and with ready rifles compelling every man they met to sign a petition to the Governor asking him

roady rilles compelling every man they met to sign a petition to the Governor asking him to keep his hands off.

In October Wilson yielded to the demands of justice so far as to write to County Atlorney Lee Ferguson of Pike, Ky., saving that on the receipt of \$52 to pay the expense of an agent who had investigated the condition of affairs among the Hatfields, papers for the extradition of old Bad Anse Hatfield, the leader of the gang, his two sons. Can, and donce, and Tom Muchell and Tom Wallace, would be issued. These men, with some others, had tied three of the McCoy boys to the papaw busines on the bank of Tug River, and had deliberately shot them to death, one of the boys being a lad of 13, who had never harmed any one.

It was at this point that Phillips scareer began. Attorney Ferguson supposel Wilson would keep his word, and at once had beputy Sheriff Frank Phillips was unknown beyond the confines of Philips was unknown beyond the confines of the Society of papers in civil was known only as a young man owning a mountainside farm on one of the branches of Beaver-Creek. His official duties had never extended beyond the serving of papers in civil with the possessed distinguishing traits.

The first thing this officer did in the discharge of his new commission was to send on four-fifths of the \$52 Gov. Wilson had demanded, and ask in return for it the papers for the extradition of four of the Piatheld gang that were to be extradited. This act as hows the mountainer's habit of thought—he can calculate the value of a cent as closely as an old-tim

first, and serve the papers on them on kentucky soil.

On the night of Dec. 9, 1887, with Jim and Sam McCoyhewent across Tug River to Logan county. W. Va., and at 11 o'clock at night reached the house of Tom Chambers, whom they surposed to be the Tom Mitchell they were after. There was a bright soft-coal fire in the lireplace within the house, and a very large-sized buildog without. Chambers was in bed, where he could be seen through the window by the light of the fire. Sam McCoy stood guard at the front door, while Jim and Phillips ran to the rear door. There Jim broke in the door just as the buildog got a good grip on the thigh of Phillips, and chambers leaped from his bed and reached for a gun. But Phillips was equal to the occasion. With one recolver he shot the dog dead, and with another covered Chambers, who had to surrender. He was safely carried to the Pike county jail.

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The success of these raids roused the Hatfields to a wild state of anger, and on the following New Year's night they in return made
a raid on the home of old Rand'l McCoy, in
Pike county, where, as The Sun has told, they
murdored in cold blood one young woman,
Allaphare McCoy, shot Calvin McCoy in the
course of the fight, and seriously wounded old
Mrs. McCoy by pounding her on the head with
a revolver and breaking two ribs with the butt
of a gun. The murder of a woman roused
like county as it had not been roused
since the war, and hundreds of mountaincers were roady to join in a raid
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The Hatfields killed Allaphare McCoy on the night of Jan. 1, 1888. On the morning of the 6th Frank Phillips led twenty-three picked men, all well armed, toward Tug liver, and in the afternoon they surrounded the house of old Ead Anne, opposite the mouth of Feter Creek. But only the women and children were there, and Phillips decided to wait till morning before continuing his search, for the reason that he did not know the country well and feated an ambush. On the 7th they pushed up the Virginia bank of the river to the home of Jim Vance who, it had been learned, was the leader of the gang that killed the woman. A trail of blood from a wounded Hatfield, that had been followed from Rand! McCoy's house to Tug Rives was picked up by the barty on the Virginia side and traced directly to Jim Vance's door.

Vance's house was found empty—not even Mrs. Vance was at home—and so Phillips led the way up a small branch of Thacker Creek, intending to go over on Mate Creek to continue the search. The trail was simply a footpath up a steep gulch, and they were obliged to go single file. At the head of the stream, and right in the gap between two monntains, they met Mrs. Vance with an empty tin pail. She had been up in the mountain to carry breakfast to her husband and Cap Hatfield, who were hiding out there. The moment she saw the mob she shouted:

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As the two taiked the Kentucky crowd charged up the gap past the woman. Uncledim yelled "Hait!" and then, "Charge 'em, boys! Kally, boys, and charge 'em!" The latter words were a mere bluff, for the only one with him was Cap Hatheld, and he ran for life without firing a shot and got away.

But Uncledim was too old to run, and must needs fight or surrender. He chose to light. Dodging behind a locust stub eight inches in diameter, he fired with a Winchester at Phillips, who led the mob. Incredible as it may seem. Phillips dodged the builet by falling to the ground as the old man raised the rifle to fire. Then he immped to his feet, ran forward, fired as he ran, and again dropped as the old man aimed a second shot. Then he got shelter behind a big oak, and almost lost his life trying to peer around it. Uncle Jim's builet threw a shower of bark in his face as he drew back just in time. But before Uncle Jim could throw in another cartridge Phillips fired square at the locust stub. The hullot went clear through it, struck Vance on the cartridge belt, and knocked him clear of the shelter. Before he could recover Phillips fired again, and shot him through the body, and he fell headlong to the ground.

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Then Phillips came from behind the oak and ran forward, supposing Vance was killed. He was, indeed, mortally wounded, but he was dying game as lew men die. He had drawn a revolver as he fell, and before Phillips had taken three steps old Vance's head rose above the log and a big revolver was held before it with both hands. He was county and Phillips dropped to the ground instantly, white Uncle Jim made the mistake of ducking down behind the log. Had he fired on the instant, Phillips would never have become a noted desperado, but by ducking he gave Phillips time to aim the Winchester, and when Vance again tried for a shot Phillips had the drop. The gray hairs of the old man appeared slowly rising above the log and Phillips fired. The builet knocked Vance's cap ten feet away and scattered his brains all over the brush.

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The raid ended there and the Kentuckians returned home. On the 14th they appeared on Reach Creek, where dusice of the leave Wall Haffield lived. Wall had been of the party that had murdered the three McCoy boys on the banks of Tug liver. He was not expecting a raid, and when he heard the noise of the raiders horses in his yard ranto the door to see what was the matter with his cattle. Opening the door he found himself looking into the muzzlo of Jim McCoy's rille and surrendered at once. Five other members of the Hatfield crowd were captured on this raid, and all without bloodshed.

The next week—it was on Jan, 1t—a third raid was made, and it was here that the true character of Frank Philipse was developed. With thirty-three men he rode over on Grapevine Creek where Cap Hatfield lived, and Cap with a dozen of his friends was found at home. On that morning Jim McCoy, on a restive horse, was at the head of the procession of Kentuckians, and as they neared their destination held the horse out. So it happened that he rounded a spur of the mountaingaione into full view of the listfield crowd, who at once opened

fire on him. However, he got off his prancing steed, took off his overcoat that bound his arms a bit, and, going to a fence, took good aim at one of the gang and fired. He brought down his man, of course, and thereat the whole Hattlield crowd fied. Then the rest of

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The last words were uitered in a wild voice, for Phillips was drawing a revolver to kill the man. Several of the Kentuckians saw the drawing, too, and sprang forward to prevent the infanous deed, but they were too far away. Phillips shot the man through the head as he begged for life. An estimate of the desperado may be made from the fact that from that time to this he has never shown any feeling of temores for his crime.

Of course the West Virginia authorities took a band, in the feat by indicting the railors among 5000 was offered for Frank Phillips, but he merely laughed at it, although he knew that detectives would be constantly on his trail. He even went over into West Virginia and appeared before officers of the law there. It was a foolish thing to do in more than one way. Nome time after the rail he fell in with one Jim Hurley, a desperado from Buchanan county. West Virginia, and the two became cronics. In spilo of this friend-bin, however, Phillips arrested Sam Hurley, a fugitive from justice and an uncle of Jim, and took him to the Sheff of Buchanan friends, in which two men were wounded, and got safe back to his home in Pike county. Of course thereafter his friend-Jim, Hurley became a deality ensury, the Phillips into the clutches of West Virginia law. She was a like county woman and not unaltractive, once had found the country too dangerous, and had fed to Colorado, so sale back to his home in Pike county. Of course thereafter his friend-Jim Hurley became a deality ensures his did not determined to get Phillips in continued to the first head of the countrative of a first head of the countrative o

HOW TO TEAR UP A STREET. In Paris They Make No Mess or Puss and

Waste No Time. One of the most marked things in European cities to the American traveller is the frequent evidences of the employment of highly skilled labor upon work which would be done by unskilled labor in this country. A city official of New York said a short time ago it would be impossible to keep the streets of New York in a state of cleanliness and repair similar to the boulevards of Paris because of the expense, which the taxpayers would not stand. And he went on to say that, granting the taxpayers were willing to stand the expense, the needed number of skilled laborers could not be found. But in Paris such things can be done quickly and skilfully, because a large force, an indefinitely large force, of highly skilled laborers may be hired for a small sum. The result is that even the humblest work is done with an exercise of skill and intelligence which amazes an American. When a street or building is to be repaired a great force of trained laborers is gathered, the materials for labor come with them, and the work goes forward

swiftly, quietly, in an orderly manner, with so little muss and fuss that passers by are hardly conscious that anything is doing.

An American drinking a small bottle at a little table in front of the Calé de la l'aix one day list summer saw an illustration of this. As he discovered later on, a gas pipe four or five feet below the level of the asphalt, not far from the carbing, was in need of repair. Toward 10 o'clock a man with a spade, a hammer, and a chisel appeared with an assistant, who carried two great baskets. The two laid down their tooks, and one of them took from one of the baskets a rope and a number of iron standards sharp at the lower end. Quickly the men drove these standards into the asphalt and stretched the rope around them so that a square space oight feet by four was enclosed. The assistant took from the basket a big placard and leaned it against one of the standards and went away. The placard was an announcement that the laborers had permission to take up the asphalt and repair a gas pipe.

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The other laborer climbed over the rope and marked out upon the asphalt a square six feet by two and a half. Following this mark he chiselled through the asphalt and when he had separated the piece inside the mark he carefully lifted it out and laid it to one side. Then he took his spade and dog up the gravel and other stuff that formed the immediate foundation of the asphalt. This material he put into one of the baskets. Then he attacked the earth underneath and soon had his hole dug to the required depth with the gas pipe exposed. All the dirt he had taken from the hole was in the other basket. If there had been a fine carnet up to the edge of the hole on all sides, it would have been only slightly sprinkled with soil and not at all injured.

When he had done he gathered up his tools and looked impatiently up the street. His face cleared at once and broke into a smile of greeting as twe laborers armed with tools and a basket, appeared. He left them and went away. They were evidently plumbers and understood their business. For in almost no time at all the pipe was fixed and the plumbibers were standing outside the rope looking about them. They did not have long to wait. The laborer who had dug the hole reappeared, and they went away. He proceeded with the gravel, a roller and engine appeared, Another laborer climbed over the rope and helped him with this last work in which hot tar was used. They laid back the piece of asphalt which had been cut out and put aside, and filled in the crack. Then they pulled up the stakes, and threw them into one basket and the placard into the other, the roller passed over the place two or three times, and then they all went had been cut out and put aside, and filled in the crack. Then they pulled up the stakes, and three whem into one basket and the placard into the other, the roller passed over the place two or three times, and then they all w

Gulity on the First of Pifty Indictments. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 18.—The trial of Ward Clouston, ex-Deputy Circuit Court clerk, ward clouston, ex-beparty times for forging witmess certificates and obtaining money by false
pretences from the State to the amount of
many thousands of dollars, ended last night,
with ever-liet of guilty in the one case that
has been tried. The other indictments will be
prosecuted in order.

Maine \$5,000,000 Richer. AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 18.-The returns of town

assessors have increased the State valuation about \$5,000,000 since the report of 1801. The valuation is now put at \$255,000,000. The valuation fixed by the State Board will probably show a gain of nearly \$10,000,000 over the figures of the valuation commission.

A Child Enjoys

The pleasant flavor, gentle action, and southing effect of byrup of Figs. which in seed of a legality, and if the father or multi-order consists or birunce, the most grathering remains seller its as we that its the best family foundly knows, and every family should have a best in Add.

Once a stage robber always a stage robber. the Captain thinks, and he comes pretty near proving it in a little book he published a few years ago giving descriptions and records of 205 stage robbers. The title of the book is 'Robbers' Record." It is not for sale, nor was it published for general circulation, but it is a diligently thumbed volume in possession of all far Western Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, and detectives, for whom it was issued.

The fact that Wells, Farge & Co. have for years been practically the only carriers of money into the Western mining camps and bullion from the camps has made their stages the pet regard of gentlemen of the road, and, in turn, has comvelled the company to maintain a special detective bureau at the head of which for many years Capt. Hume has carried on the war with the robbers. It amounts to a war, in fact, for during the comparatively brief period covered by his took the compiler shows that thirty-three men and seven horses have been killed in conflicts with the robbers and twelve men seriously wounded. Capt. Hume was in New York a few hours last Friday, not long enough to be interviewed, he said, but an introduction secured a Sux reporter possession of the Captain's private copy of his "Robbers' Record," from which some interesting facts were obtained.

A glance through the record first impresses the fact that a stage robber never leaves prison, even when he is pardoned, except to make his way with astonishing promptness to the nearest lonely mountain road, and there rob a stage. John J. Ivey is a convincing example. His record is thirteen robberies and burglaries, eight times in prison, and six escapes from prison. Whether Mr. Ivey left prison by discharge or escape, he lost no time

in returning to the road. "Old Jim Smith" has a varied prison record, including about every known method of getting from behind the bars. Three times he escaped and three times was discharged upon

escaped and three times was discarded alone expiration of terms, and each time he returned to the road. The next time the tovernor of California tried the experiment of pardoning him, but "Old Jim" was not to be moved to rightooness by mass of the record shows, allierly upon conviction of a frosh robbery. Having exhausted all other means of getting out alive, "Old Jim" next worked the insanity dodge and was transferred to an asylum.

In a great majority of cases conviction promptly follows the offence, for stage robbers generally, while daring to the point of death, are soldom clever at hiding other themselves and the stage of the sta

four vehicles under the control of his little shogun."

The robber used a double-barrelled shotgun sawed off for greater convenience in use.

After another robbery in the same vicinity in the following August Mr. Smith appeared further down the mountain side for his third robbery after pardon, and Capt. Hume tells the story thus:

"Robbed Wells, Farge & Co.'s express on stage from Milton to Senora. Dec. 29, 1881. Also robbed United States mail. In this instance he held the stage one and a half hours, endeavoring to break open the from box. During this time one passenger from Senora and two from Milton appeared, all three of whom he compelled to halt while he was working on the hox."

Capt. Hume landed Mr. Smith in prison then, but in 1885 he was discharged. He again toyed with express boxes and mail bouches, and was sent to the California State prison for life, to the relief of the Captain and all mountain excursion parties.

As desperate a character as ever troubled Capt. Humo was a young Missourian named Mi. A. Sharp. He worked on the stage road over which Wells, Farge & Co. carried the gold from the Bodie mines, in California, to the Carson mint, in Nevada. In four months of 1880 he held up six stages before being caught, and then he escaped from fall. On his last pob he worked with a companion, for the stage they were to hold was known to carry a guard, or 'shotgun messenger,' as he is called. When the order to 'throw down the bex' was given the messenger, fired and killed one of the horses. Sharp's shot had kalled one of the horses. Sharp's shot had kalled one of the horses. Sharp's shot had ladly wounded the messenger fired and killed one of the horses. Sharp's shot had ladly wounded the messenger fired and killed one of the horses. Sharp's shot had ladly wounded the messenger then started for a neighboring ranch house to have his wound dressed, and in his absence Sharp returned to the stage, which was detained by the dead companion.

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the dead norse, and required the box of \$700, breaking it open by the side of his dead companion.

A desperate gang of stage and train robbers escaped from the Nevada State prison in Carson on Sept. 17, 1871, and their escape resulted in one of the decreast battles the Wells. Fargo men ever engaged in. The dead was planned by twelve of the most desperate prisoners, who broke into the guard room and got possession of the prison arms and amountation. In attempting to prevent the break the Lieutenant-Governor of the State, Frank Denver, who was also Warden of the prison, and two of the guards were seriously wounded and two guards were killed by the prisoners. A citizen living outside the walls, who rushed in to assist, was also killed. The twelve ringienders opened all the cell doors, but only seventeen pulsoners joined in their flight:

Among the leaders was Leander Morton, a train roober, who, in company with five others, named Jones, Hoberts, Cockrill, Burk, and Black, separated from the other runaways and made in the direction of the mountains

THE ART OF STAGE ROBBING

EXEMPLIFIED IN THE LIFE AND WORKS

OF CALIFORNIA ROAD AGENTS.

Capt. Hume Has Had Thirty-five Years'
Experience Protecting Mountain Experience Of Black Bart and His Fellows.

Capt. James B. Hume has been catching stage robbers in the mountains of California and the other Pacific coast States and Territy-five years. Catching stage robbers is a regular business with him, but no more so that the robbing of stages is with the men he pursues.

AMUSEMENTS.

Wagner Music Predominates at Mr. Dam-rosch's Sunday Night Concert.

A large audience in Music Hall last night listened to one of the best Sunday night con-certs of this season. It was the sixth of Mr. gramme was devoted to Wagner music. Ovide Musin played several soles, making his first appearance in New York in four years. He was warmly welcomed, and after each o the programme numbers was recalled three or four times and had to play to encores. Mas-

or four times and had to play to encores. Massened's "Dance of the Persian Slaves" was repeated, and the Symphony orchestra contributed equal pleasure with Moskowski's dainty "Seronade." Also in the flist half Mrs. Annie Louise Musin sang Mozart's "Ach leh Liebte." and Victor Clodio. "An Taradis," from "L'Alricaine.

The Wagner excertts from the "Nibelungen Trilegy" were the "Frocession of the Gods, the "Lament of the Bhinomaidens." the "Fire Charm," "Signand's L. v. Song, "by Signor Clodio; "Sounds of the Velkyries." "Song of the Bhinomaidens, and "Sigfried's Death. Felicia Kaschoska, Bertha Line-in, and Minnie Behnne sang the Bhinomaiden numbers, and the presentation of the whole of the Wagner excerpts was thoroughly delightful.

MR. SEIDL INDIGNANT.

His Orchestra Not to Play at the Choral

Mr. Seidl's attention was called to the announcement made in a Brooklyn paper rester-day that the Scidl orchestra was to play for the Choral Society on Tuesday night under the direction of Mr. Wiske. The public announcement was not made until Sunday, when the fact was published to the people of Brootlyn. The Seidl Sectety concert is to be tongh, and the action of the Choral Society was an annovance because it reflected upon public assertion of the Seidl Society regarding Mr. Seidl's business relations with it. Mr. Seidl has no control over individual members of the orchestra, but the entire orchestra plays only under Mr. Seidl's direction, and thus use of his name has offended him very much. He said sesterally concerts only. All other assertions or announcements concerning this fact are incorrect, untrue, and without foundation, and certainty without my knowledge. These announcements have come I cfore from this same source, and I am very much astonished, for my consent has not been asked. Is this fair?" the direction of Mr. Wiske. The public an-

asked. Is this fair?

The Seidl Concerts, The second part of the Seidl concert at the Lenox Lyceum last night was taken up entirely by the presentation of Ponchielli's "Gioconda." The soloists were Miss Emma Juch. Mme. Clara Poole-King. Signor L. Viviani, Signor Italo Campanini, and Signor Antonio Galassi. The duet of the soprano and contralto was greatly applicated, and Signor Galassi was compelled to repeat his barcarole, and if the audience could have had their own way they would evidently have been content to listen to a repetition of every number. As it was, Herr Seidl was generous with his encores, and it was not until 11 o'clock that the programme was finished.

There were two Wagner numbers in the first part. "Tannhauser's Pilgrimage" and "Sieg'ried's Awakening of Brunhilde." Raff's "Die Schoene Muellerin" for string orchestra was well received, and the two numbers from Tchaikowsky's Symphony in F minor also.

Next Sunday, Christmas night, there will be a concert of purely Wagnerian music. The first part will consist of sciections from "Tannhauser." "Lohengrin." The Meister singer, and "Tristin and Isoide." and the second half will be taken up with parts of the "Ninelungen" oberas. The soloists will be influen in number, and for the flower girl scene from "Parsifal" there will be a chorus of thirty-six female voices. Antonio Galassi. The duct of the soprano and

Does a Cat Track Game by Scent Like a

Dog f SEABELRY SETTLEMENT, N. Y., Dec. 18-When Sam Jones went over his line of traps a few days ago he was much exasperated to find that some animal had been to several of them and taken the bait without getting caught. From tracks about the traps he concluded that the thief was a big house cat, or possibly a small wildcat. Knowing that the brute would proba-bly come to the traps again, Jones thought he had better kill the cat before he suffered any more from its depredations. Thereupon he more from its depredations. had better kill the eat before he suffered any more from its depredations. Thereupon he followed the tracks over a ridge into a small swamp, where he lost it, because the snow was kent off the ground by the evergreen trees.

As he was beoking around in the trees and on the ground he saw a rabbit jump over a log and disappear on a runway several rods from him. Thinking he might get a shot, the trapper started for the log, but while yet several rods from it he heard a seratching as though some animal were running over brush. Jones turned his head to see what it was, and to his amazement he saw a large house cat running on the runway, with its nose to the ground, as a hound might do.

What Sam would like to know is whether that cat was following the rabbit by seen to running in the rut made by the rabbits. Some of his neighbors would like to know if Sam is telling the truth about the cat.

telling the truth about the cat.

A Church for Colored Catholics, St. Paul, Dec. 18.-Archbishop Ireland dedicated this morning with great pomp and ceremony the new Church of St. Peter Claver for the special use of colored Catholics. the special use of colored Catholics. The church is a very pretty edifice and cost \$8,000. The congregation of colored Catholics was organized live years ago with a membership of seven. It how counts several hundred converts to the Catholic faith, and bids fair to increase very rapidly in the future. The flew, E. Casey is the pastor. The Archbishon in his discourse denounced in strong words the social estracism from which the colored people suffer, declaring it contrary to humanity, to the Christian religion, and to the spirit of the American republic. The Catholic Church, he said, is opposed by her principles and her history to all discrimination because of race or color.

Meeting of the Lake Yacht Racing Association.

Yacht Racing Association was held here yesterday afternoon, delegates being present from Toronto, Hamilton, Osweso, and Rochester. Several important changes in the racing rules were decided upon and it was decided to hold the first regards at their time of any time of the present of the property of th Summer.

The following officers were elected: President, P. R. Mallock, Royal Hamilton Club, Hamilton, Ont.: Vice-Freadent, A. R. Hoswell, Royal Canadian (IR. Toronto, Int.; Secretary Telescoper, George E. Evans at the Royal Canadian time, Toronto, Mr. Evans was elected to day for the tenth time. The next inceting will be held in Familton.

Yachtlag Notes of Interest.

The entertainment committee of the Sewaren Land and Water Club of Sewaren, N. J., announce a club reception and shace for New Year's eve, Rec. 31, at the Sewaren Holler. The English schooner yacht Miranda, which was re-cently purchased by J. V. Geleman of San Francisco The English schooler yacht Miranda, which was recently purchased by A. V. Goldman of Son Francisco agers soized on the brief alliferative sentence from Commonors B. B. B. Hallest this exp., is fitting out at New London for her try ground the Horn, Five sations went down from Brooklyn yesterday to bein fit her out for son.

The steam vacio new building for Mr. Hartley C. Balter at Bath. Me., from designs of Henry J. tackow of this city is provided in the con-



THE MONETARY CONFERENCE

REMARKS OF THE DELEGATES JUST BEFORE THE BODY ADJOURNED. Senator Allison Thinks the Discussions Have

Been of Great Value-English Delegates Want Perfectly Expitett Proposals from the United States or Some Other Power. BRUSSELS, Dec. 18 - At the Monetary Conferonce yesterday Senator Allison said that. during the adjournment, the delegates would have time to study the Rothschild and other proposals. "Although the Conference has been of brief duration," he continued, "the discussions have been of great value, and we think it wise to resume the deliberations after a recess. Any agreement at which the Conference might arrive would probably require large concessions on our part. It is, therefore, natural that the Democratic Administration which is about to come into office in the United States, and upon which the responsi-bility for such action would fall, should have an opportunity to direct the course of the United States delegates. It would, consequently, be advantageous to the United States if the Conference should adjourn long enough to enable the new Government to consider

what shall be done." Mr. Bertram Currie of the British delogation objected to the reassembling of the Con-ference, on the ground that as three prayious monetary conferences had failed, there was little prospect of the present one being a

Sir C. Rivers Wilson of the British delegation cencurred in the opinion of Mr. Currie. He said that if the Conference should reassemble its task should be confined to an examinable its task should be confined to an examina-tion of a perfectly explicit proposal from the United States or some other power which would not interfere with the fundamental principles governing the monetary systems of the various States concerned. In the mean time, he said, Great Britain would reserve complete liberty of action.

Sir William Houldsworth, also of the British delegation, said that he did not agree with Sir C. Rivers Wilson in the opinion that only one dofinite plan should be discussed. On the contrary, he thought that the Conference ought to discuss all of the plans that had al-ready been submitted.

ought to discuss all of the plans that had already been submitted.

Gen. Richard Strachov of the Indian delegation formally announced that during the recess of the Conference the Indian Government would reserve to itself absolute freedom of action.

Senator Allison said that it was understood that the Governments of all the nations concerned, including the United States, should reserve to themselves absolute independence in their respective policies during the recess of the Conference; that no long was bound to anything, and that they all might employ the time in the interval as they thought proper.

M. of Renzi's proposal was then adopted, and the Conference adjourned.

Another Long-distance Race,

LONDON. Dec. 10. - The Daily Chronicle's Vienna correspondent says that preparations are making among the trotting clubs in are making among the trotting clubs in Austria for a race with one-horse and two-horse vehicles between Vienna and Barlin.

The special object of the contest will be to test the qualities of various breeds of horses, notably American and Russian. Thirty money prizes will be given. The first prize will be \$3,800, and several honorary prizes will be distributed by clubs.

Fimperer Francis Joseph will give a special prize. The driving will be done in the daytime only. The race will take place next May.

They Will Fight a Duel To-day.

Paris, Dec. 18 -M. Andrieux, formerly Prefect of Police, has challenged Deputy Arene to a duel, which will be fought to-morrow. The cause is a bitter article against the ex-Prefect which M. Arene wrote for the Libre Parole.

Cholera in Hamburg. HAMBURG. Dec. 18.—There have been twen-ty-five cases of cholera here in the last week and two deaths.

Senator Abreu has been appointed Brazilian Minister of Commerce and M. Quelroz Minister of Foreign Affañs.
United States Minister to Chili Patrick Egan arrived at Panama on Saturday morning, and sailed in the afternoon for Valparaiso.

The engineers engaged in surveying a route to the Pacific coast for the Mexican Intersecanic Railroad have nearly finished their

work.

A block of warehouses in Bootle near Liverpool, was burned yesterday. More than 5,000 bales of cotton and 15,000 sacks of flour were destroyed. Five firemen were injured. Loss, \$500,000.

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A heavy gale swept the southeast coast of Scotland yesterday. Several coasting schooners were stranded, and the crews were taken off in litebeats. The shore is strewn with wreckage, but no loss of life has been reported.

While Alphonse de Rothschild was hunting near Ferriere. France, yesterday, his companion's gun went off accidentally and the ball cut a furrow in his right check just below the eye. The surgeon who dressed the wound says there is no immediate danger of blindness.

ILLNESS OF THE BRIDE-ELECT.

It May Be that the Johnstone-Pinchot Wed-

ding Will Be Put Off, There is a probability that the wedding of Miss Antoinette E. Pinchet, the daughter of Miss Antoinofte E. Finchof, the daughter of Mr. James W. Pinchof, and the Hon. Alan Johnstone, Secretary of the British Legation at Washington, which is set for Wednesday moon, may not take place on that day. Miss Pinchot is confined to her home suffering from a severe attack of ton-illitis. In case it is necessary to postpone the caremony cards an-nouncing the fact will be sent out by Miss Pin-chot's family.

OBITUARY.

Sir Richard Owen is dead in England. Sir Richard Owen was one of the world's fore-most specialists in comparative anatomy. He was born at Laneaster on July 20, 1804. He received his early education in his native town, and at the age of 20 he began a medical course in the University of Edinburgh. He completed his studies in London and Paris medical schools. When 30 years old he was appointed to the chair of comparative anatomy at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and two years later he succeeded Sir Charles Bell as professor of anatomy and physiology in the College of Surgeons. He held the latter place for twenty years, leaving it only to take charge of the department of natural history in the British Museum. He had the cross of the Legion of Honor, was a chevaller of the Prus-ian Order of Merit, and was one of the eight foreign associates of the French Institute. He was created a Commander of the Bath in 1873, and subsequently was made K. C. B. He wrote voluminously. Ameng his works are: "On the Nature of Limbs." Lectures on the Comparative Anatomy of the invertebrate Animais." "History of British Fossil Repailled," "On the Garilla," "On the Dodo," and "The Fossil Reptilla of South Africa."

B. Jelly, proprietor of the Park Hotel at Dover, N. J., was found dead in the bathroom vesterday morning. He was 60 years of age, while and one son. years later he succeeded Sir Charles Bell

Judge John T. Cunningham, for several years Judge of the Superior Court in Montgomery, Ala., and later a lawyer in Atlanta and a prom-inent fruit grower, died in Atlanta yesterday.

The Family Will Wed on Christman, JETTERSONVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.-A triple

wedding in which a father and his two daugh-ters will figure will take place on Christmas. ters will figure will take place on Christmas. The persons who will be married are Alexander M. Rutherford and Mrs. Constance Mathews, Miss May Rutherford and Albert Townsend, Miss Margie Rutherford and James N. Bennett. Rutherford himself is 50 years old and his daughters are 18 and 20 years. Three handsome cottages have been erected by the grooms of according lots. The father will occupy the middle building and his daughters the others.

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